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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk / Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in its  
Rates for Water and Sewer Services  
Docket No. 2017-292-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This firm is representing Carolina Water Service ("CWS") (now Blue Granite Water Company) in the referenced proceeding. I am writing to respond to a request made by the Commission in its directive dated June 19, 2019. In that directive, the Commission granted our request for a rehearing and requested that the parties provide their position as to whether the rehearing should be conducted through (1) oral argument and briefs; or (2) additional testimony and exhibits. CWS believes that an additional evidentiary hearing is not necessary. We suggest that the Commission schedule an oral argument and that the parties be given an opportunity to submit proposed orders following the argument. The record will be the evidence submitted at the previous hearings supplemented by the exhibits attached to the CWS Supplemental Memorandum submitted on May 21, 2019.

I have discussed this issue with counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") and have been authorized to inform the Commission that ORS agrees with the recommendation I have outlined in this letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Frank R. Ellerbe, III

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cc: Parties of Record (via email)  
Catherine E. Heigel, President (via email)